



## Yard Plans Undocking and Docking of First Two ISVS Cutters



*CGC MORRO BAY*



*CGC PENOBSCOT BAY*

The Yard plans to undock the Coast Guard Cutter MORRO BAY, concluding the dry-dock repair phase of a Service Life Extension Project (SLEP) on the 34-year old vessel. The 140' icebreaking tug achieved notoriety in June 2014 when it arrived at the Yard to be the first vessel under the Coast Guard's In-Service Vessel Sustainment (ISVS) program. Each ISVS overhaul is scheduled for 12 months and is designed to help cutters in need of mid-life renovation meet their intended service life through a recapitalization of targeted hull, mechanical, electrical (HM&E) and electronic systems. MORRO BAY is homeported in Cleveland, Ohio.

ISVS work on MORRO BAY included upgrades and improvements of the propulsion plant, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems; installation of the engine room fire-suppression system; boat launching davit replacement; oily water separator replacement; stack exhaust configuration modifications, and improved crew habitability to meet current standards. The Yard anticipates completing MORRO BAY's ISVS in July.

The Yard docked the Cutter PENOBSCOT BAY - the 2<sup>nd</sup> ISVS Cutter - on the shiplift on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to begin its dry-docking period. Homeported in Bayonne, New Jersey, the 30-year-old, 140' ice breaking tug began repair at the Yard in February 2015 under ISVS, a project critical to the long term sustainability of the Coast Guard fleet.

PENOBSCOT BAY's warm weather missions include law enforcement, search and rescue, aids to navigation, cadet training, and port, waterways, and coastal security (PWCS). During the winter months, PENOBSCOT BAY conducts icebreaking operations and assists navigation of commercial ship and barge traffic. *(USCG photos by Charles Wilson, Yard Engineering Division)*

# The Commanding Officer's Column

by Captain George A. Lesher



Greetings, Shipmates! As I write this, the EAGLE has returned to New London and is well on her way into her port call destinations and cadet training program for the spring and summer. It took a monumental effort from our workforce here at the Yard to make her ready to sail, and I thank you all for that. You can see in the article below this column some of the efforts that went on 24x7 over the final 2 months of the project. As we emptied the bilges of lead ballast, removed the aft compartments of the

main and second deck, and conducted the first thorough inspection of the hull plating and decks since the 1980's, we discovered a substantial amount of structural work needed, totaling 64% growth to the original scope of work. Thanks to the efforts of the Yard craftsmen, she was undocked 21 April without any minor leaks in the hull which is almost unprecedented given her riveted hull construction and the massive scope of repairs.

This period also marked completion of the first vessel (FERDINAND HASSLER) of our agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to perform dockside and dry-dock repairs to their fleet. We look forward to working on two more NOAA vessels in FY16.

Since March, we have hosted a number of visiting groups and VIPs including the perspective D8 Commander, RADM Callahan; Ms Terri Dickerson (CG Director of Civil

Rights) and her staff for the opening of a new EEO office on base, and the Senate Appropriations Committee, Homeland Security Subcommittee staff who were here to evaluate our budget request for adding a third rail to the syncrolift which will replace the World War II era OAK RIDGE floating dry-dock capacity. It was an honor to show all of these persons and groups the important and high quality work we do for the Coast Guard.

Thanks for all you do,  
Semper Paratus!



## “Easter Sunday Team” Proves There Is No Break In “Service To The Fleet”



While other Yard employees celebrated the 2015 Easter Sunday observance with family and friends at home, several Shop 10 and Shop 30 workers were hard at work on Cutter EAGLE's work completion and pending departure. See EAGLE, pg 3

*Pictured in the photo at left are X10 employees (l-to-r): **Front Row**-Mike Griffith, Nelson Sapunar, Donald Storm, Lavonia Witherspoon, James Coleman. **Middle Row** - Joseph Appolin, Walter Brooks, Rodger Pugh, Donald Hayes III, Damien Smith. **Back Row** - Teddy Rosemond, Colin Hart, Bryan Brown, DC 2 Colin Four (EAGLE). Not available for photo: Fred Washington, X10; Robert Jeeter, X30; Thomas Maszczenski, X30*

## EAGLE Returns to Sea



*The Coast Guard Barque EAGLE returned to sea on April 21, 2015, after completing a 7 1/2-month repair at the Yard designed to extend the service life of the Coast Guard's 79-year-old training vessel. Work on EAGLE covers a four phase Service Life Extension Project (SLEP) that will conclude in spring 2019. The historic sailing ship enters the Yard each fall and departs Baltimore each spring to return to the Coast Guard Academy and prepare for summer training cruises and good will ports-of-call around the world. EAGLE anticipates sailing from the Yard back to New London, Connecticut in early May. (USCG photos by Charles Wilson, Yard Engineering Division)*

### **EAGLE**, cont. from pg 2

A team of 16 tradesmen/tradeswomen arrived at 5 a.m. on Easter Sunday morning, April 5th. An EAGLE crew member also joined the group to assist. They focused the next 8 ½ hours on structural and electrical assignments that would help the Yard gain an additional 98 hours of production time towards meeting the historic ship's delivery schedule.

Structural Group employees cropped

out and inserted hull plating and installed new port lights. They accomplished structural repairs to the 2<sup>nd</sup> deck aft berthing, followed with inspections.

Sheetmetal and Boat Joiner tradesmen worked on re-insulating portions of the ship that were removed for structural repairs and installing joiner panels in the berthing area.

Electro Group Electricians tied power for lights and receptacles to accommo-

date the anticipated heavy work schedule during the upcoming week. Action on Easter Sunday allowed the Yard to tackle critical projects starting Monday morning without having to wait for power.

The stellar work of the "Easter Sunday Team" was a reflection of the Yard "at its best," serving as a shining example of the Yard's motto "Service to the Fleet"!

“We’re Working On It!”



CGC POMPANO (WPB 87339) - Gulfport, MS



CGC HAMMERHEAD (WPB 87302) - Woods Hole, MA



NOAA Ship FERDINAND R. HASSLER (S-250) - New Castle, NH



CGC MORAY (WPB 87331) - Jonesport, ME

## Yard Opens Renovated Suite for Coast Guard Civil Rights Directorate Region 1, Zone 3

The Yard held a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 23, 2015 opening the newly renovated office suite of the U.S. Coast Guard Civil Rights Directorate, Region 1, Zone 3. The offices, located on the lower level of historic Fleet Hall, consolidate the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) functions supporting Coast Guard personnel in the tri-state area of Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. Region 1, Zone 3 supports 1,903 Coast Guard members and 1,125 Coast Guard civilian employees.

The Yard hosted Ms. Terri Dickerson, Director of Civil Rights, U.S. Coast Guard, and Mr. Albert Curry, Deputy Director, Assistant Commandant for Engineering & Logistics, U.S. Coast Guard, to cut the red ribbon. Captain Lesher; Captain Douglas Schofield, SFLC Commander, and members of the Region 1, Zone 3 staff joined in the ceremony.

Ms. Dickerson commented, "We are one Coast Guard family. It is important that the EEO Office is accessible to the workforce, and we are happy that the new office suite supports this."

The 760 square foot suite centrally houses three EEO specialists. In addition to their private offices, the space includes a conference room and



*Cutting the red ribbon to open the new Region 1, Zone 3 Suite are (left to right): Captain Lesher; Mr. Albert Curry, Deputy Director, Assistant Commandant for Engineering & Logistics, USCG; Ms. Terri Dickerson, Director of Civil Rights, USCG; Ms. Gloria Townes, Equal Employment Manager, Region 1, Zone 3; Captain Douglas Schofield, Commander, SFLC, and Ms. Anitra Green, Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist, Region 1, Zone 3. Not available for photo: Mr. Les Delney, Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist, Region 1, Zone 3.*

waiting area. The design improves communications, ensures adequate privacy, and conveniently serves the home base workforce at the Yard and

the Surface Forces Logistics Center. A tour of the waterfront and SFLC warehouse followed the ceremony.

## Yard Employees Honored With 45-Year Service Pins!

Mr. Albert Curry, Deputy Director, Assistant Commandant for Engineering & Logistics, U.S. Coast Guard, and Captain Lesher presented 45-year service pins to two long-standing Industrial Department employees on April 23rd.

In the top photo at right, Mr. Curry (right) and Captain Lesher (left) bestow the service pin to Mr. James Wyche (center) in the Paint Shop break room with Services Group managers and employees in attendance. A Boat Builder in the Paint Shop, Mr. Wyche's federal service has been at the Yard with the exception of three years military service.

In the bottom photo at right, Mr. Dale Strucko (center) received his service pin recognizing 45 years of employment at the Yard. Mr. Curry (left) and Captain Lesher (right) presented the pin among managers and co-workers of the Ordnance Shop. Mr. Strucko is an Ordnance Equipment Mechanic Leader.

The Yard family congratulates Mr. James Wyche and Mr. Dale Strucko on their outstanding federal career and thanks them for their years of service to the Coast Guard Yard!



## Coast Guard Yard Celebrates 2015 Earth Day: Partners With Industry; Installs First Rain Garden

The Yard observed the 45th Anniversary of Earth Day on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. Yard Facilities Engineering designed the all-hands celebration to educate the local community about the Yard's dedication to environmental stewardship and to educate employees how their actions can improve the environment at work and at home.

The Yard used the nationwide Earth Day observance to unveil a first-of-its-kind service project on the shipyard campus – pollution prevention rain gardens that reduce water contaminants from reaching nearby waterways and, ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay.

Stormwater, defined as rain and snowmelt, is generally directed to stormwater sewer systems that lead to

surface waters. Contaminates, like residual oil and sediment, are combined with water during storm events and pollute the waterways.

Rain gardens collect stormwater and filter it through soil and mulch to remove contaminants, allowing the water to percolate through to ground water. Installation of rain gardens on the Yard campus will help reduce pollution reaching nearby Curtis Creek and Arundel Cove.

The Yard installed one rain garden on the east side of the Main Administration, Building #1 and one garden on the southwest side of the Berry Hall Training Building #28. The rain garden construction involved removing and regrading the ground surface and installing native plantings suitable for wet conditions. The rain gardens

imitate nature by creating contours throughout the landscape and allow rainwater to soak into the ground as nature intended. The rain garden looks like a typical garden on the surface, but below ground level, the garden's shaped design, supported by soil and plant selection, protects the environment by absorbing and filtering contaminated runoff. Overall, thousands of gallons of stormwater runoff will be diverted from the roofs of these Yard buildings and directed into the beneficial rain gardens.

“The Coast Guard Yard waterfront is an industrial area due to the nature of the heavy ship maintenance work,” commented Captain Lesher, “but a project like this showcases our ongoing efforts and commitment to protecting the environment.”

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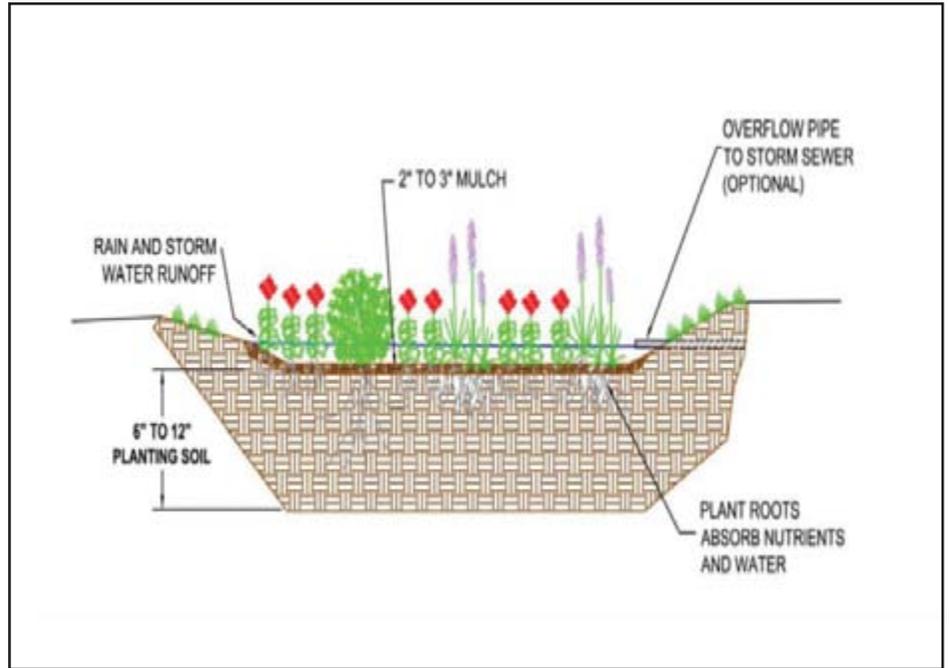
*Volunteers in front of the rain garden join CAPT Lesher (center left) for the 2015 Earth Day celebration.*



Commander Stephen Roncone, Chief, Yard Facilities Management Department, remarked, “We were extremely pleased with the cooperation and volunteerism from our industry partners to help with the rain gardens and to host educational booths on all aspects of environmental action, demonstrating everyday activities to make a positive difference.”

The educational booths showcased a variety of environmental topics including energy efficiency, recycling, air pollution prevention, spill prevention/response, stormwater pollution prevention, marine pollution prevention, and Coast Guard vessel environmental compliance.

An all-hands lunch sponsored by the Baltimore Area Coast Guard MWR concluded the day’s festivities.



*Rain garden design courtesy of Prince George’s County Department of Environmental Resources*



***The Yard is a proud  
ISO 14001 certified organization  
for environmental management.***

*LTJG Kristopher Kidd (left), Chief, Facilities Engineering Division, and CDR Stephen Roncone (right), Chief, Facilities Management Department, prepare the rain garden. The project is designed to reduce water pollution to nearby waterways and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. The rain garden collects rain and snowmelt, filtering it through mulch and soil to remove contaminants before reaching stormwater sewer systems that lead to Arundel Cove and Curtis Creek.*



*Environmental protection educational booths on the Yard parade field*



*MWR sponsored lunch on the Yard parade ground*

**Baltimore Federal Executive Board Presents  
2015 "Excellence In Federal Career Awards"**

The Baltimore Federal Executive Board will sponsor the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual "Excellence In Federal Career Awards" ceremony on Friday, May 1 at the Martin's West Banquet Center in Woodlawn, Maryland. This year, the Yard has seven Bronze Medal winners and eight Silver Medal finalists. The Silver Medal finalists will compete with other nominated federal employees in their respective categories for the Gold Medal.

The annual competition is the "Academy Awards" for civil service and military personnel in the Baltimore area. Gold, silver, and bronze medals signify excellence in job performance and will be awarded to over 200 winners representing sixteen job categories of competition.

The Yard's Silver Medal finalists are: LCDR Miles Randall, Outstanding Supervisor, GS-13 and above; John Driscoll, Outstanding Supervisor, Trades & Crafts; Wade Lai, Outstanding Professional (Non-Supervisory); CWO Donald Sanders, Outstanding Para-Professional (Non-Supervisory), Technical, Scientific & Program Support; Richard Cress, Outstanding Trades and Crafts (Non-Supervisory); Charlie Zerbe, Distinguished Public Service Career; Sarah Wickenheiser, Rookie Employee of the Year, Technical, Scientific & Program Support; Andrew Dove, Rookie Employee of the Year, Trades & Crafts.

The Yard's Bronze Medal winners are: Christian Wooden, Outstanding Supervisor, GS-12 and below; Kristin

Brickell, Outstanding Professional (Administrative Management & Specialist); Denise MacDonald, Outstanding Para-Professional (Non-Supervisory) Administrative Management Analyst, GS-8 and above; Terrence Robinson, Outstanding Administrative Assistant/Management Assistant; David Layton, Rookie Employee of the Year Administrative/Management Analyst; Treasury Data Conversion Team, Outstanding Administrative Work Group or Team; Main Propulsion Control & Monitoring Systems Team, Outstanding Para-Professional (Non-Supervisory) Technical, Scientific & Program Support Team.

Congratulations Silver Medal winners and good luck Gold Medal contenders!

**Milestones**

**Retirements**

Robert DeMarco  
Environmental Engineer  
9 Years

JoAnne Zeller  
Administrative Assistant  
24 Years

Kenneth Ducker  
Electronic Industrial Control  
Mechanic Leader  
43 Years

**Advancements/Promotions**

Richard Mills, Electrical Engineer, GS-850-11  
Joe Stuchinsky, Mechanical Engineer Tech, GS-802-10  
Brandon Vernon, Electrical Helper, WG-2805-5  
Adam Russell, Electrical Helper, WG-2805-5  
Seth Rayman, Electrical Helper, WG-2805-5

Joshua Dixon, Structural Worker, WG-3801-8  
William Sims, Rigger Worker, WG-5210-8  
Michael Nader, Naval Architect, GS-871-12  
Brian Kindig, Structural Inspector, GS-3801-11  
Kenneth King, Shipfitter (CNC Operator), WG-3820-12

**Yard Leadership & Diversity Advisory Council Strives To Improve Workplace Climate**

The Yard established the Leadership and Diversity Advisory Council (LDAC) in February, 2014 to advise the Yard Commanding Officer on leadership and diversity management issues that impact the total workforce. The LDAC solicits and evaluates leadership and diversity concerns, addresses local questions, and feeds issues and best practices to the Yard Commanding Officer for his attention. The Yard LDAC supports the U.S. Coast Guard Commandant's vision to make the Coast Guard the "Service of

Choice" and works to improve a command climate in the workplace that is inclusive of the Yard's diverse workforce.

Inquiries for the Yard LDAC can be directed to Alexandre Brink, Yard LDAC Chairman, 410-636-7007; alexandre.k.brink@uscg.mil or BMC Jason Long, Yard LDAC Vice Chairman, 410-636-4147; jason.m.long@uscg.mil

Anonymous questions can be directed to the Yard LDAC through the Coast Guard Yard Interactive

Phone Line, 410-636-7910. Select option #5 to leave a message.

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## Yard Hosts STEM Students During 2015 ASNE Day Conference

The Yard hosted 17 undergraduate college STEM students and three faculty members on March 3rd. The visitors were attendees of the 2015 American Society of Naval Engineers (ASNE) Day Conference held in Arlington, Virginia, March 4-5, 2015. The conference is the annual meeting for members of the naval engineering community including leaders from industry, academia, government, and military.

Students and faculty touring the Yard represented Engineering Departments at Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA; Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, and the University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA. The group also included a visiting engineering student from the country of Trinidad & Tobago. LCDR Hector Maldonado, Yard Chief Project Management, and Yard Retiree Bob Byrd, former X20 Foreman, guided the visitors through the Yard's shops and along the waterfront, including a stop at Barque EAGLE.

Founded in 1888, the American Society of Naval Engineers (ASNE) is a professional engineering society for engineers, scientists, industry professionals and the U.S. Department of Defense. The Society's objectives are to meet the changing needs of a time-honored profession of engineering, providing support for the U.S. Navy; U.S. Coast Guard; U.S. Marine Corps; U.S. Merchant Marine, and U.S. Army. The purposes of ASNE are to advance the knowledge and practice of naval engineering; enhance the professionalism and well-being of members, and to promote naval engineering as a career field. *(Courtesy of ASNE)*



*Students and faculty during the Yard's STEM visit on March 3, 2015 pose for a photo with the Cutter EAGLE in the background.*

## USS OAK RIDGE Association Holds Reunion At Yard

The Yard hosted the 3rd Annual USS OAK RIDGE Reunion Association April 25, 2015 and welcomed 35 ship-mates and their spouses for a tour of the former Navy ship, followed by lunch at the Dry Dock Club. The reunion, based in Baltimore, reunited crew and family from the 1975-1979 era when USS OAK RIDGE was homeported in Rota, Spain. The Yard currently uses the World War II era, steel floating dry-dock (in photo background) to supplement the shipyard's dry-dock capacity for cutter repairs. USS OAK RIDGE has been at the Yard since 2002 and is an essential part of the Coast Guard's vessel sustainment strategy.



*USS OAK RIDGE Reunion Association (Photo courtesy of CDR Bob Rawls, USN(Ret))*

### 40th Anniversary of End of Vietnam War

As the nation memorializes the end of the Vietnam War on April 30, 2015, the Yard recognizes the fleet of fifty-three 82' patrol boats that were built here throughout the 1960's. Twenty-six of the Yard built 82-footers served with distinction during the Vietnam War. The boats were heavily armed

and shipped to Southeast Asia to form the famous "Coast Guard Squadron One." The Yard produced craft served with distinction throughout the conflict.

The 82' patrol boat construction program marked the Yard's first use of the inverted erection method on

assemblies, with the hull constructed in an inverted position. The two sections were joined together in an upright position at the launching site.

Even the method used to launch the 82' fleet was unique. Launching consisted of lifting the vessel with a derrick barge and placing it in the water, instead of the normal shipways launch at the time.

The Yard is proud to highlight the 82' patrol boat construction program and honors all current and past Vietnam War veterans on this historic anniversary.

#### *"A Grateful Nation Remembers"*

*The 82' patrol boat POINT BARNES, constructed here in 1969, was a successor to the Yard built fleet of 82' boats that served as part of "Coast Guard Squadron One" in the Vietnam War.*



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